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PRODUCTION OF MAIZE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production and consumption of maize recorded in the country during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether there is huge gap between the demand and supply of maize in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the said period;

(d) the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon; and

(e) the quantum of maize imported and exported during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The all-India production and consumption of maize by households in the country during the years 2003-04 to 2006-07 are given below. The state-wise production of maize during this period is shown in Annexure. The consumption has been estimated using the results of the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organization during 2004 and the population projections provided by the office of the Registrar General of India. Non Household consumption estimates of maize are not available. The state-wise consumption of maize is also not available.

All India Production and Consumption of Maize

(`000 Tonnes)

Year	Production	Household Consumption
2003-04	14984.3	3084.6
2004-05	14172.0	3124.4
2005-06	14709.9	3163.6
2006-07#	13562.0	3202.2

= 2nd advance estimates released on 05.02.2007

(b) to (d): From the above table it may be seen that production of maize at the current level can safely meet the demand of maize for Household Consumption. However, assessment of demand for maize by the Non-Household sector is not available.

(e): The quantum of maize imported and exported during the years 2003-04 to 2006- 07 are shown in the table below:

Year	Import (`000 Tonnes)	Export (`000 Tonnes)
2003-04	0.71	543.27
2004-05	1.19	1082.26
2005-06	1.63	419.95
2006-07 (up to July)	0.02	159.46

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Kolkata.